

30921 to 30955—Continued.**30953. ASPARAGUS sp.****Asparagus.**

From Tchoa, Tekes Valley, Tien Shan Range, Chinese Turkestan. Altitude of 4,300 feet. "(No. 978, March 15, 1911.) A wild asparagus of climbing habits, growing from 8 to 15 feet in length. Found between Berberis bushes. The young sprouts are eaten as a spring vegetable. Of possible value as an ornamental plant in northern regions, and as cut greens for decorative work." (Meyer.)

30954. MEDICAGO sp.**Alfalfa.**

From near Tuwan, Tien Shan Range, Chinese Turkestan. "(No. 979, March 14, 1911.) A wild alfalfa of erect growth, bearing yellow flowers and short flat pods. Found on clayey and peaty hill slopes at altitudes between 6,000 and 7,000 feet. Stands great cold in winter and drought in summer and is eagerly eaten by horses, cattle, and sheep. Of value, probably, as a forage plant in sections of the United States where the ordinary alfalfa is winterkilled. Native name *Yau beda*, in Turki, and *Serlik beda*, in Kalmuck." (Meyer.)

30955. MEDICAGO FALCATA L.

From the valley of the Chong Djighilan, Tien Shan Range, Chinese Turkestan. Altitude of 3,700 feet. "(No. 980, March 18, 1911.) A wild alfalfa of semierect growth having yellow flowers and short, slightly curved pods; occurring on abandoned wheat fields and along the edge of cultivated lands; seems to like lime in the soil. Is considered by the local population superior in fodder value to the cultivated alfalfa. The hay of *Medicago falcata* tastes aromatically sweet, while that of *M. sativa* has a slightly saline flavor. Of value possibly as a fodder plant in elevated regions. Native names *Tagh beda*, in Turki, and *San Musu*, in Dzungan, both meaning wild or mountain lucern." (Meyer.)

30956 to 30962.

From Port Louis, Mauritius. Presented by Mr. Gabriel Regnard. Received May 12 and 15, 1911.

Seeds of the following:

30956. COMBRETUM COCCINEUM (Sonnerat) Lam.

Distribution.—A climbing shrub, found in Madagascar and the island of Mauritius.

30957. MIMUSOPS ELENGI L.

Distribution.—A tree attaining a height of 50 feet, common in the Dekkan, India, and the Malay Peninsula; generally cultivated in the Tropics.

30958. PITHECOLOBIUM SAMAN (Jacq.) Benth.**Saman.**

See No. 2724 for description.

Distribution.—Nicaragua and the northern part of South America.

30959. PONGAM PINNATA (L.) W. F. Wight.

See No. 27570 for previous introduction.

30960. TOLUIFERA sp.**30961. NAUCLEA ORIENTALIS L.**

"A very large tree from Australia." (Regnard.)

Distribution.—A tree found in the Malay Peninsula and eastward through the Malay Archipelago and Polynesia to northern Australia.